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Abstract of the Disclosure

A surgical gown in an improved folded arrangement, as well as methods and apparatus for producing same. Like prior art book-folds, the folded arrangement includes left and right hand pockets to facilitate aseptic donning by a medical professional. Unlike prior art book-folds, however, the folded arrangement of the invention employs a unique fold sequence particularly amenable to automated processing. Methods of the invention are directed to the specific fold sequences that can be utilized to produce the folded arrangement. Apparatus for producing the folded arrangement includes a number of operative sections functionally arranged in series.